

## EXHIBIT A

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By: Jane K. Babin

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK  
OFFICE  
REQUEST FOR FILING  
(RULE 53(b)(1))

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Rule 53(b)(1) PATENT APPLICATION:

☒ Continuation ) application under 37 CFR 1.53(b)(1)  
☐ Divisional )  
Application under 37 CFR 1.53(b)(1)  
of pending prior application of

Group Art Unit: 1653Examiner: A. DavenportInventor(s): Warren et al.Parent Appln. No.: 09 055,263Atty. Dkt. P 278740New M#

Client Ref

Parent Filed: April 6, 1998This Appln. Filed: March 20, 2001

Title: PEPTIDE SPECIFICITY OF ANTI-MYELIN BASIC PROTEIN AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF MYELIN BASIC PROTEIN PEPTIDES TO MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS PATIENTS

H n. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Date: March 20, 2001  
(Parent Matter No. 276378)

Sir:

To effect the above-requested filing today:

1. Attached is a copy (which must be filed) of the prior application, including:

☒ Abstract  
☒ Specification and claims (48 pages) (must be attached)  
☒ Drawings (must be attached if originally filed): 19 sheet(s)/set: ☐ 1 set Informal; ☒ Formal of size ☐ A4 ☒ 11"

1A. Always X one box, only:

- (1) ☒ Copy of Signed declaration or oath as originally filed in prior application attached  
(2) ☐ NO declaration or fee is enclosed; therefore, this is a filing under Rule 53(f).

2.

☐

This application is hereby filed by less than all of the inventors named in the prior application. Petition is hereby made requesting deletion as inventor(s) of the following who is/are not inventor(s) of the invention being claimed in this application (DELETE THE FOLLOWING INVENTOR(S)):

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
5. \_\_\_\_\_  
7. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
4. \_\_\_\_\_  
6. \_\_\_\_\_  
8. \_\_\_\_\_

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## 2.5 THE INVENTOR(S) FOR THIS NEW APPLICATION IS(ARE):

- |                             |                       |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. <u>Kenneth G. Warren</u> | 2. <u>Ingrid Catz</u> |
| 3. _____                    | 4. _____              |
| 5. _____                    | 6. _____              |
| 7. _____                    | 8. _____              |

3. The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated therein by reference thereto.

4. ☐ Priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119/365 based on filing in \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (country)
- | Application No. | Filing Date | Application No. | Filing Date |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|
| (1) _____       | _____       | (2) _____       | _____       |
| (3) _____       | _____       | (4) _____       | _____       |
| (5) _____       | _____       | (6) _____       | _____       |

a. ☐ (No.) Certified copy/copies attached.

b. ☐ Certified copy/copies previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
U.S. Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_

c. ☐ Certified copy/copies filed during International stage of PCT/ \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
series code  $\uparrow$  serial no.  $\uparrow$

4. (a) ☐ Domestic priority is claimed from \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_  
PCT/ \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) ☐ Benefit is claimed of Provisional Application No. 60/\_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.

5. ☒ Prior application is assigned to The Governors of the University of Alberta  
by assignment recorded August 19, 1998 (Date) Reel 9391 Frame 0889.

6. ☒ Attached is the following number of Assignments (including original and all later successive ones by different assignors): \_\_\_\_\_ and respective new Cover Sheets. (Do **NOT** file old cover sheets.)

(Assignments in parent must be refiled with new Cover Sheets in this continuing application if you want it/them recorded against the continuing application.)

Please return the recorded Assignment to the undersigned.

7. ☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is to John R. Wetherell, Jr., Ph.D.  
(Name and Reg. No.)  
whose current address is as in item 8 below.

a. ☒ Recognize as associate attorney Jane K. Babin, Ph.D.  
(Name, Reg. No. and Address)

8. Address all future communications to Intellectual Property Group  
of Pillsbury Winthrop LLP, 50 Fremont Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-2228

9. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:—This is a  
☒ continuation ☐ division of Application No. 09/055,263, File April 6, 1998  
series code  $\uparrow$  serial no.  $\uparrow$

9. (a) ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line: —This application claims the benefit of  
Provisional Application No. 60/\_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.

10. Small Entity Status ☐ is Not claimed ☒ is claimed (pre-filing confirmation required)

(No.) Small Entity Statement(s) (not essential since 9/8/00) were /are:

- ☒ filed in above prior application  
☐ attached.

petition to extend the life of the above prior application to at least the date hereof  
☐ is being concurrently filed in that prior application (Use Form PAT-111).  
☐ was previously filed in that prior application (Check length of prior extension).  
☐ is not necessary for copendency (Double check before X'ing this box).

- ☐ **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT:** Attached is Form PTO-1449 listing all of the documents cited by Applicant and the PTO in the parent application(s) relied upon under 35 USC 120 and referenced in item 9 above. Per Rule 98(d) copies of those documents are not required now. Please consider those documents and advise that they have been considered in this new application as by returning a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609.

- ☐ Attached is a Rule 103(a) Petition to Suspend Action.

- ☐ **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT to be entered before fee calculation:** (Do not make amendments here except for correction of improper multiple dependencies or cancellation of whole claims or multiple dependencies for purpose of reducing the filing fee per MPEP §§ 506 and 607; do not cancel all claims).

**FILING FEE**  
 THE FOLLOWING FILING FEE IS BASED ON  
 >>>> CLAIMS AS FILED AND CHANGED BY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN ITEM 14 <<<<

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 but leave lines 15-22 and 27-32 blank.

**PTO: PLEASE NOTE CLAIM CANCELLATIONS IF BOX 14 ABOVE IS X'D.**

				Large/Small Entity		Fee Cod
15. Basic Filing Fee				\$320/\$160	+355	106/26
16. Basic Filing Fee				\$710/\$355	+0	101/201
17. Total Effective Claims	15	minus 20 =	0	x \$18/\$9	+40	103/203
18. Independent Claims	4	minus 3 =	1	x \$80/\$40	+0	102/202
19. If any proper multiple dependent claim (ignore improper) is present,				\$270/\$135	+0	104/204
20.				Subtotal =	\$395	
21. If "petition" box 13 above is X'd, add petition fee.					+0	122
21A. If box 6 above is X'd, add Assignment recording fee				\$130	+40	581
				\$ 40		
TOTAL FILING FEE ATTACHED =					\$435	

(carry forward to Item 31)

22.

23. ☒ ATTACHED: Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet
24. ☐ Preliminary Amendment attached (to be entered after assigning Appln. No.)
25. ☐ See NONPUBLICATION REQUEST under Rule 213(a) attached (Pat-258)

26.

**ADDITIONAL FEE CALCULATION FOR  
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
PER BOXES 24/25**

	Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Present Extra		Additional Fee	File Code
				<u>Large/Small Entity</u>		
27.	Total Effective Claims	*      minus ** <u>20</u>	= <u>0</u>	x      \$18/\$9	=      \$ <u>0</u>	(103/203)
28.	Independent Claims	*      minus *** <u>3</u>	= <u>0</u>	x      \$80/\$40	=      + <u>0</u>	(102/202)
29.	If amendment enters proper multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for the first time, add (per application) .....				\$270/\$135      + <u>0</u>	(104/204)
30.				<b>ADDITIONAL FEE</b>	\$ <u>0</u>	
31.				<u>plus FEE from item 22 on page 3</u>	+ <u>0</u>	
32.				<b><u>TOTAL FEE ATTACHED</u></b>	\$ <u>0</u>	

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This CHARGE STATEMENT does not authorize charge of the issue fee until/unless an issue fee transmittal form is filed.

**Pillsbury Winthrop LLP  
Intellectual Property Group**

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**NOTE No. 1:** File this Request in duplicate with 1 postcard receipt (PAT-103) & attachments  
**NOTE No. 2:** Is extension in parent necessary for copendency? DOUBLE CHECK Item 11 above.  
If yes, printout Pat-111 and head it in parent.